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From: Rao, Kate
Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 4:42:27 PM
Subject: FW: Animas River Disaster/ Gold King Mine Release Incident

FYI – email thread about downstream impacts.

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From: Allen, HarryL
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Cc: Zito, Kelly; Higuchi, Dean; Rao, Kate; Keener, Bill; Yogi, David; Hubbard, Secody; Nattis, Randy; Robberson, Bill; Wise, Robert
Subject: Re: Animas River Disaster/ Gold King Mine Release Incident

We are working this issue w ADEQ, Coconino County, BOR and others. We will add a talking point on this.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 11, 2015, at 9:37 AM, Harris-Bishop, Rusty <Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry, this didn't go out when I typed it . . . connectivity issues.

We have a contractor going out to try and find the leading edge of the plume today via conductivity measurements. I think then they'll be looking to figure out if there is an impact downstream

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**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Higuchi, Dean; Allen, HarryL; Rao, Kate  
**Cc:** Keener, Bill  
**Subject:** Fwd: Animas River Disaster/ Gold King Mine Release Incident

Can someone in Sfund/Water work on a statement that addresses the far downstream questions from AZ and CA?

Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** R9.Info <[R9.Info@epa.gov](mailto:R9.Info@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 10, 2015 at 12:16:56 PM PDT  
**To:** "Zito, Kelly" <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** "COHEN, Deborra" <[Cohen.Deborra@epa.gov](mailto:Cohen.Deborra@epa.gov)>, "Holoubek, Helga" <[Holoubek.Helga@epa.gov](mailto:Holoubek.Helga@epa.gov)>, "Keener, Bill" <[Keener.Bill@epa.gov](mailto:Keener.Bill@epa.gov)>, "Higuchi, Dean" <[Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov](mailto:Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Animas River Disaster/ Gold King Mine Release Incident

Hi Kelly,

We are getting calls and e-mails like the one below asking the EPA to address the concerns of California, Arizona and Nevada residents living downstream from the release. Will we have a staff person in Region 9 available to address the concerns of our region?

We don't feel the library should even attempt to answer such questions.

--Kerry Shoji

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**From:** Jane Babin [<mailto:jane@babinlaw.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:07 AM

**To:** R9.Info

**Subject:** Animas River Disaster

Dear Sir or Madam,

What steps is the EPA taking to ensure that contaminated water from the Animas River, which flows into the Colorado River, which is in turn a significant source of water for Southern California through the Colorado River Aqueduct, does not reach our communities in California? Will water supplies to Southern California from the Colorado River Aqueduct be cut off as a result of the Animas River disaster and given

the drought in California, how will the disaster affect water supplies in California? In the event that contaminants from the Animas River disaster, including arsenic, lead, cadmium and other heavy metals, do reach the Colorado River Aqueduct, what steps will the EPA take to remove them before they reach agricultural consumer water supplies?

Thank you in advance for your response.

**Jane K. Babin, Ph.D., Esq.**

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